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HONGKONG, JUNE 18TH, 1896.

It is quite natural that the Germans should
give Li Hung-chang a flattering reception.
He has always been friendly to Germany,
and a great number of contracts have gone
there from Tientsin. His Excellency, we
have reason to believe, entertains a great
admiration for German military science,
which commenced from the capitulation of
Sedan. He has never had any serious dis-
agreement with the German Minister, and
the course of politics between Peking and
Berlin has run fairly smoothly. Moreover,
Germany humbled France, a power never
loved by China and that rendered itself
particularly odious to Li during the hosti-
lities of 1884-5. The French never sought
in old times to curry favour with Peking
either for the sake of territorial concessions
or commercial privileges. Of late years,
however, the French Representatives appear
to have joined the undignified scramble
for contracts, and the result has certainly
been unfortunate for all foreign interests in
China. Germany has always had a very
commercial mind in her dealings with
China and has consistently sought the
business advantage of her subjects. The
German manufacturers have profited not
a little in consequence, and the manu-
facturers who are arranging the fates
with which to receive the Chinese Ambas-
sador are no doubt animated by a
lively sense of favour to come. It is
very obvious, indeed, what are the reasons
prompting this grand reception of the
misnamed "Bismarck of China." For our
part we hope that when the venerable
mandarin visits Great Britain no effort will
be made to afford him any extraordinary
reception, which he neither merits nor,
probably, desires. The usual civilities
accorded to special Ambassadors may be
conceded to Li Hung-chang, even old
bungbung as he is, but it is sincerely to be
hoped that no special honour will be done
to him, or it will be at once interpreted into
a readiness to hold to the most contemptible
Government (considering the vastness
of the country and the greatness of the popu-
lation) in the habitable globe.LOOKING at the appearance of the forests re-
at low tide from the new Reclamation to
Pottinger Street, no one, we think, can
accuse the colonists of impatience. They
have waited and hoped, while the weeks and
the months and the years rolled by, for the
time when dry land would replace the fetid
mud which every receding tide leaves to

fester under their noses. They were aware
that this was inevitable, that it was a part
of the price that must be paid for the ex-
tension of the sea frontage and for securing
deep water along the Bund. Therefore
they were resigned to the disagreeable, to
the malarious, the insinuating odours that
afflicted them, and bore them as an evil of
temporary duration, which they had a right
to hope would not be unnecessarily pro-
longed. Has it been so prolonged? This
is the question the public are asking, and to
many it is not urgent one. The excellence
of the work already completed is patent to
all, and every credit must be given to the
Engineer, Mr. Bowdler, for the manner in
which the Praya wall has been constructed
and the roads laid out. But while this is
freely conceded, and no murmur is raised as
to the cost, the slow rate of progression in
the reclamation of the second section is pain-
fully apparent. Possibly the impatience of
the public would be less pronounced if the
existing condition of the foreshore were less
noisome, less dangerous to health, less
inconvenient to small craft. Then, is there
any need for this delay? Does it arise from
the necessity for time to admit of the concrete
blocks settling, to ensure solidity for the wall? Or is it due to
the inability of the Government to procure a
sufficient supply of earth for filling in
pores? Surely this is not so difficult a
matter! Boats can be had in any number
to convey the earth, and there are plenty
of spots where it can be procured without
injuring any person's interests. The
work should, if only from a sanitary point of
view, be pushed on with all the rapidity
possible. The Sanitary Board, as the custo-
dians of the public health, should see to this.
There can be no doubt that every
effluent tide leaves exposed a mass of putrid
and decaying matter sufficient to germinate
and spread disease in a serious degree.
The medical faculty are, we understand,
very pronounced on this subject, and consider
that something should be done at once to
bring the nuisance to the earliest possible
termination. A word to the wise is sufficient.
We trust Mr. Bowdler will accept
the hint in the way intended, and that he
will act it promptly with a view to fill in
the present malarious and unsightly
swamp with added expedition.

The N. P. Co.'s steamer *Olympic* arrived at
Tacons on the 15th instant.The M. M. steamer *Ernest Simons*, with the
French mail, left Salgan on the 17th inst., at
8 a.m.There were five cases of plague yesterday.
One was from the harbour and four from
Kowloon.The steamer *Wingang*, from Calcutta and
Strait, left Singapore for this port on the 16th
inst., at 6 p.m.We have received the first number of *Le
Courrier de Chine*, a French weekly paper
published at Shanghai.The D. D. R. steamer *Oceanus*, from Ham-
burg, left Singapore for this port yesterday
and may be expected here on or about the 24th inst.The C. P. steamer *Empress of India* arrived
at Kobe at 2 p.m. on the 16th inst. and, at
8 a.m. on May 17th, for San Francisco,
via Nagasaki, Koloa, and San Francisco.
Arrived at her destination on the 16th instant.The C. O. steamer *South*, with mail, &c.,
which left Kobe May 13th for San Francisco,
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